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1. The Fuchsberg barracks and the Jueterbog II (N 52/E 69) barracks were only lightly occupied between 7 and 20 May 1950. The troops from the barracks were at field exercises, or in forest camps, according to soldiers. (1) Local residents talked of large bivouac areas in the woods around Merzdorf (N 52/E 99), 23 km east of Jueterbog. (2) Large bivouac areas were also said to be at Baerwalde (N 52/E 87), 23 km southeast of Jueterbog and Ruehlsdorf (N 52/E 57), 22 km southwest of Jueterbog. (3)
2. Three rail type rocket launchers left the Turm Kaserne on 8 May 1950.
3. Two T-34 tanks with practice targets, and 12 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the gate of the Fuchsberg Kaserne on 8 May 1950.
4. Truck [REDACTED] towing a 40 to 50-mm AT gun, stood in front of the barracks gate at the Damm airfield on 15 May 1950.
5. The Lehrstab A (Training Staff A) building was occupied by 500 officers according to a municipal employee. A new hotel was being built on the main street of Jueterbog II.
6. The reports of heavy artillery pieces were heard daily between 7 and 20 May 1950.
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8. A column of 17 trucks, occupied to capacity by soldiers, six armored scout cars, [REDACTED] 25X1C
25X1C [REDACTED] and four T-34 tanks, was observed on the Jueterbog-Luckenwalde highway, moving toward Luckenwalde, at about 8 p.m. on 10 May 1950. The spacing between the individual vehicles was about 50 meters. [REDACTED]
9. A train carrying eight unnumbered, new trucks and five motorized field kitchens was observed at the Jueterbog railroad station on 7 May 1950, heading toward Zossen.
10. Four T-34 tanks, escorted by 8 officers and 25 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were unloaded at the Jueterbog railroad station on 17 May 1950. The tanks, [REDACTED] 25X1C
25X1C [REDACTED], left toward Luckenwalderstrasse.
11. Thirteen canvas-covered tanks were unloaded on 18 May and 17 tanks on 19 May 1950. Their departure was not observed.

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13. Soldiers of eight different units said that a shipment of EM of the 1927 class was due to leave for the U.S.S.R. on 21 May 1950. (5)

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14. On 17 May 1950 the Damm airfield was about 75 percent occupied by approximately 800 troops, most of them wearing red-bordered black epaulets, with tank and artillery insignia. Gun crews of one NCO and five EM each drilled with six 100 to 120-mm guns at the landing field. One NCO and three EM practiced with an AT gun of about 75 mm caliber, and crews of one NCO and twelve EM each were seen with two 82-mm mortars. Four T-34/85 tanks were standing east of the target range. Another tank was moving about, traversing its turret.

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17. Eight T-34 tanks were entrained at the Jueterbog railroad station on 17 May 1950. A railroadman said that various units were to move to the Zossen area.

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Comments.

- (1) The information on the military situation in Jueterbog confirms the repeatedly reported transfer of units in Jueterbog to the Border-Markendorf training area, and the location of component units of several divisions of the Third Gds Mecz Army in the training area.
- (2) The bivouac in the woods near Merzdorf is part of the Werder-Markendorf training area.
- (3) The Baerwalde area was also used for training by tank units, possibly from Jueterbog, in late March 1950. X1A
- 25X1A Ruchlsdorf is near the Gluecksburg Forest. Since field exercises of units of the Third Gds Mecz Army in Jueterbog and Wittenberg were held there in September 1949,

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- (4) it is possible that troops were also there in May 1950.

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- (5) Presumably a shipment of only a few soldiers of the 1927 class being repatriated for discharge. There are indications that personnel discharged in the first half of 1950 were of the 1925 and 1926 classes. 25X1A

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